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The Ohio supreme court yesterday rendered its decision on the question of the constitutionality of the new law of the state taxing the liquor traffic. The court pronounced the law unconstitutional and void, because it is in the nature of a license law. The Ohio constitution prohibits the licensing of liquor saloons.

Joseph Emery, of Peoria, whose death is announced in our news columns to-day, had many friends in Decatur. He was a brother of Joseph W. Emery, of Austin township, and a son of Major C. F. Emery, of Peoria. The deceased was a man of great personal ability, a pungent writer, an energetic worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and an enthusiastic friend to every enterprise that promised to benefit Peoria. He was always willing to sacrifice his own ease and comfort to help along any public enterprise that commanded his support. His death is a serious loss to Peoria.

The Virginia (Case Co.) Gazette closes an editorial upon the subject of the state school superintendence in this unqualified language:

There is not a better man in the state for the office than E. A. Gastman, of Decatur. His excessive modesty is such as to prevent his asking for the nomination, or perhaps accepting it if tendered him, but the fact above stated outweighs his modesty. Give us Mr. Gastman for superintendent. What say the politicians? What says Mr. Gastman?

Well, why not? Why is our very efficient superintendent not fully up to the standard, and why would he not make as good an officer as any who have filled the place in the past? Let us hear from the people, all of whom are interested in the proper filling of this very important position. Mr. Gastman is not the man to hunt that or any other office, but if the people have any desire that he should become a candidate and will say so, we believe (without having settled him on the matter) that he would give a decided answer, one way or the other, without unnecessary palaver.

More Power than a King.

Chicago News.

A European correspondent states that Mr. Vanderbilt went to Europe for a double purpose—to break the Chicago wheat corner and buy New York Central stock. He is reported to have sold in London \$25,000,000 government 4 per cent which he held, and to have borrowed as much more. With this \$50,000,000 he proposes to take that amount of gold out of the country. This would make money scarce here, and would cause a fall in the price of both wheat and stocks. When the stocks get sufficiently low, the great railway king can buy in New York Centrals, which he sold some time since at high, at lower figures. By that time also he will have exports of grain to so increase as to give a fillip to the business of his roads, inflate their stocks, and bring in millions to the man who can operate with debts and credits which are of imperial proportions. The stocks appear feasible on its face to a man who has got more than the means to carry it out.

Several significant pieces of news concerning the colonization of Palestine by Jews have been recently made public abroad. One is that early in April a body of settlers numbering 500 left Russia en route for the holy land, among them being a number of students and a chemist. Land had already been purchased for them by agents. The Central Emigration committee has recently held a meeting at Jassy, in Roumania, and appointed a commission of three Israelites to go to Palestine and purchase land. At Jassy alone has been raised the sum of 760,000 francs to aid the work.

Pronounced a Fiction.

EDDIES' REPUBLICAN.—The many friends of Walter R. Binkley will be pleased to know that the big hubbub about grain stealing was a manufactured business. The Hon. Grand Jury, after sifted the rumor to the bottom, pronounced the whole business a fiction. If the enemies of Mr. Binkley desire to ruin his reputation it is clear they will have to procure a man with a better record than the one who engineered the late blackmail business. However, there is fun ahead. W. H. Woolley has made arrangements to prosecute to the full extent of the law the man who swore out a warrant upon which he was arrested and lodged and remained in jail ten days.

Waukegan, May 27.

Visible Improvement.
Mr. Noah Bates, Elmira, N. Y., writes: "About four years ago I had an attack of bilious fever, and never fully recovered. My digestive organs were weakened and I would completely prostrated for days. After using two bottles of your Burdock Blood Bitter the improvement was so visible that I was astonished. I can now, though 61 years of age, do a fair and reasonable day's work." Price, \$1.00. Sold by druggists.

The Spring Suit Question.
Let us continue this subject while it is now upon your mind. Nearly every suit on hand now has come within a few weeks "direct from our Chicago factory." New styles and shapes for men, boys and children, that will prove a genuine and comfortable wear in many ways—fashion, and particularly the price.

On October 1st, 1881, our house of the Magnetic Shop, was purchased or bought by Mr. Joseph W. Emery, in the fall of the same year, and remained not to the present time.

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